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enable the Government to say that the question has already been answered, if they are answered tomorrow, and then there will be no opportunity for us to put supplementary questions, even if we give fresh notice."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put the question in this way. ' Arising out of the answer given by the Minister on such and such date, what action has been taken in the matter? ' So the Member is not totally shut out from putting a question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Instead of that we can revive the question itself."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Why not extend the question hour? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall allow two hours."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" That is not enough."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Ministers will have to go through all the answers and get ready with them because we do not know on which questions there will be supplementaries. We must have some consideration for the Ministers also. We cannot all of a sudden get ready with answers to 250 questions. Therefore, I submit that we may confine ourselves to 100 questions tomorrow."

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Celebration of Republic Day on 26th January 1954.

* 1267 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM :' Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred by the Government in connexion with the celebration of Republic Day on 26th January 1954 in the City and in the districts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The expenditure incurred was Rs. 10,593–14–0 in Madras City and Rs. 1,108 in the districts."

* 1268 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted for celebrating the Indian Republic Day in 1954; and

(*b*) what expenditure was actually incurred?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No specific amount was allotted for the Republic Day Celebrations, 1954.

" (*b*) Rs. 11,701–14–0."

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Sri A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையிலே 10,000 ரூபாய்க்கு மேலாக இந்த சுதந்திர தின கொண்டாட்டத்திற்காக செலவழிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொன்னார்கள். அலங்காரத்திற்காகவும், படாடோபத்திற்காகவும் எவ்வளவு என்றும் பாமரர்களை பராமறிப்பதற்காக எவ்வளவு செலவழிக்கப் பட்டது என்றும் கேட்கிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I may inform the hon. Member that the Government of India have informed us that we celebrated the Republic Day this year on a very meagre scale and that we should celebrate it on a grandeur scale next year. We are considering that suggestion."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is it not very incongruous that we should spend so much money in the City and so little in the rural parts, especially when the villagers want some sort of diversion or distraction? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think we should provide distraction to villagers by way of such celebrations. Of course, we will consider the question of providing a little more money for the celebration of Republic Day in the districts."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" நமது சர்க்கார் மிகவும் கருமித்தனமாக செலவு செய்கிறார்கள். இப்பொழுது சுதந்திர தினத்திற்காக செலவு செய்த பணம் மிகவும் சொற்பம் என்று சொல்லுவதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். செலவு செய்யக்கூடிய பணம் பூராவும் மத்திய சர்க்கார் கொடுப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If it is a considerable sum, I would be prepared to bargain for it with the Central Government. But we will get greater sums of money in other directions rather than in this case and we need not be bargaining for such small sums of money."

Sri A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" பெரும்பாலான மக்கள் கல்வி வசதியின்றியும், சுகாதார வசதியின்றியும், ரோட்டு வசதியின்றியும் இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களின் தேவைகளுக்குப் பணம் இல்லையே என்று சர்க்கார் கைவிரிக்கிறார்கள். அப்படியிருக்கும்பொழுது இவ்விதமான ஆடம்பரச்செலவு செய்வதன் காரணம் என்ன ? "

9-10 a.m. The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think Rs. 10,000 is too much for spending on a Republic Day. Of course the hon. Member may not be enthusiastic about the attainment of the republican status but we are really interested in it."

Government Coir Factory, Beypore, Malabar.

* 1269 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Coir Factory, Beypore, Malabar, continues to function along with the Coir Training School attached to it; and if not, why?

(*b*) whether any report or representation has been recently received by the Government on the working of the concern; and

(*c*) if so, the contents thereof and the action taken thereon?